

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A corkscrew for corks of bottles of champagne, sparkling wine,  
prosecco, cider or the like, wherein a build-up portion of said cork sur-  
5 rounds the front side of the bottleneck while a driving collar of the  
corkscrew engages the build-up portion of said cork from beneath for  
pulling out said cork, wherein the driving collar is liftable by means of  
an actuating means shaped as a lever or spindle drive in the direction of  
the longitudinal axis of the bottle relative to an abutment collar sup-  
10 ported by the bottle, wherein said driving collar (8) is arranged on a  
first half-cylinder shell (1), that said abutment collar (10) is formed on  
a second, complementary half-cylinder shell (2), and that each of said  
half-cylinder shells (1, 2) comprises a recess (12, 13) for the build-up  
portion of said cork, wherein said driving collar (8) is liftable by means  
15 of said actuating means for pulling out said cork while said cork is  
guided along said second half-cylinder shell (2) during its being lifted.
2. A corkscrew according to Claim 1, wherein said actuating means is  
formed as a swivel lever (3), wherein a swivel bearing for said swivel  
20 lever (3) is provided on the upper end of each half-cylinder shell (1, 2),  
respectively, in such a manner that an inner lever portion (21) of said  
swivel lever (3) bridges the two swivel bearings.
3. A corkscrew according to Claim 2, wherein the inner side of said  
25 swivel lever (3) and/or the outer side of said second half-cylinder shell  
(2) is provided with a plastic coating or plastic lining (14, 15).
4. A corkscrew according to Claim 1, wherein an engaging collar (9) is  
formed above said driving collar (8) at a height roughly corresponding

to said build-up portion of said cork so that said build-up of the cork is arranged between said driving collar (8) and said engaging collar (9).

- 5        5. A corkscrew according to Claim 1, wherein a guiding collar (11) is arranged on said second half-cylinder shell (2) below said abutment collar (10).
- 10      6. A corkscrew according to Claim 1, wherein each swivel bearing comprises a swivel bearing bolt (19, 20) arranged between two fork-like swivel bearing flanges (4', 6'), wherein said swivel bearing flanges (4', 6') are arranged in recesses (22) of the surface of the inner portion (21) of said swivel lever (3) so that the borders (23, 24) of said recesses (22) act as stops for the swivelling motion.